

"COVERED PUBLIC ENTITY:

the state and its political subdivisions, including its agencies, departments, boards, commissions, officers, public institutions of higher learning as defined in Section 16-5-1, and courts;

counties, including the offices of their public officials, whether elected or appointed, and any of their agencies, departments, boards, school districts, commissions, and courts;

municipalities, and any of their agencies, departments, boards, school districts, commissions, and courts;

public corporations, including any public board, authority, or district, heretofore or hereafter organized or created in this state pursuant to authorization or determination of any municipality or municipalities or by any county or counties or the governing body of any one or more thereof **and** that receive any appropriations of funds by action of the Legislature of this state or any governing body of any political subdivision, municipality, or county of this state or that receive proceeds of any tax levied pursuant to any statute of this state;

any improvement authority incorporated under Chapter 7 of Title 39;

any public corporation or instrumentality created under the statutes of this state enacted prior to January 1, 2001, that expressly provide that depositories of funds of such public corporation or instrumentality shall pledge collateral to secure that public corporation's or instrumentality's deposits;

and any other public corporation created under statutes of this state enacted on or after January, 1, 2001, that provide that the public corporation shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter."